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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [23] with the following:

FIG. 3 is a flow chart showing operation of one embodiment of the invention in the context of wireless service, but which is readily adaptable to other communication services. At step 401, the customer's communication device is activated. At step 405, the device "goes live" and identifies itself to the communication system. In the case of wireless telephone 101, the telephone identifies itself to MSC 110. At step 410, the system authenticates the customer's device as a valid device and queries one or more databases to determine the customer's service plan. At step 415, the system determines whether the account associated with the device includes the account modification service. If not, the system proceeds to step 450 and allows the device to access other services (for example, placing calls). If the account does include account modification service, at step 420 the system proceeds to compute minutes left by category (e.g., day, night/weekend). The system then transmits that data to the device at step 425, where the information is displayed or otherwise provided to the user. At step 430, the user is then given the option to add minutes, to move minutes into a different category, or to otherwise make account changes. At step 435, the customer indicates whether changes will be made, and if no changes are desired, the customer is then permitted at step 445 to perform other services. If changes are desired, they are made at step 440. The customer is then given the option to perform other services (e.g., make a call) at step 455. The process ends at step 460.

Please replace paragraph [18] with the following:

In one embodiment, wireless devices 101-103 are wireless telephones, and MSC 110 and server 112 are operated by a wireless telephone service provider offering wireless telephone service in the region in which MSC 110 is located. That region is, in the example of FIG. 1, the home region of telephones 101-103. The wireless telephone service provider may offer a variety of rate plans, such as those set forth in Table 1.

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Table 1

| Plan | Cost/Mo.         | Day       | Night/Wkend Extra                      |
|------|------------------|-----------|--|
| 1    | \$15.99          | -         | \$.50/minute (day); \$.25/minute (n/w) |
| 2    | \$29.99 50 min.  | 50 min.   | \$.50/minute (day); \$.25/minute (n/w) |
| 3    | \$39.99 100 min. | 100 min.  | \$.50/minute (day); \$.25/minute (n/w) |
| 4    | \$59.99 500 min. | Unlimited | \$.50/minute (day)                     |

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